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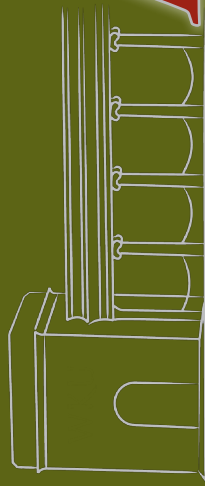
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Meet the Honors Development Board Student Representatives

1. How many years have you been an HDB student rep?
2. Why did you want to be a student rep in the first place?
3. What is your major(s)/minor(s)?
4. What are your Thanksgiving plans?

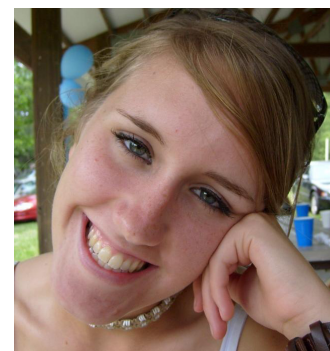


Reagan Gilley
Senior HDB Representative

1. Since the dawn of time. . . two years.
2. Kevin Smiley.
3. Biology, History, Chemistry (Majors) and Kevin Smiley (Minor).
4. To eat turkey with my family and Kevin Smiley.
5. To be Kevin Smiley.
6. I dabble in the forbidden art

of cake making, much like the folks in the Food Network's Ace of Cakes, which--little known and entirely made up fact--was originally based on me, after my apprenticeship under Master Chef Kevin Smiley. I also make a mean piece of toast.

7. Kevin Smiley and *Areté* sending me these random questions every month. (What gives?)
8. Kevin Smiley due to his awesome Kevin Smiley-ness.

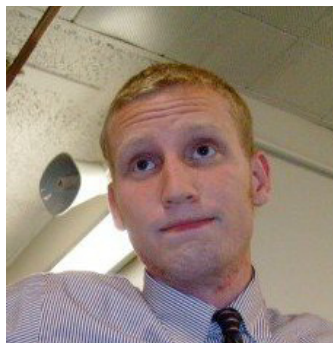


Lindsey Filiatreau
Sophomore HDB Representative

1. This is my second year as an HDB student rep.
2. The Honors College is perhaps the sole reason I decided to come to WKU and being as such, I felt like I should give some of my time back.... By that I mean I primarily wanted to see Dr. Cobane every other week :)

3. Biology and Chemistry double major. I'm Pre-Med and considering an Anthropology minor.
4. Over Thanksgiving I will be traveling to Canton, Ohio, to audition for the Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps once again.... very excited!
5. World peace!
6. Lasagna. Delicious pasta-y goodness.
7. Loud keypad tones on someone's phone and waking up early.
8. Mermaid... they're babes!

5. If you were granted one wish, what would you wish for?
6. What is the best dish you can cook?
7. What are your two biggest pet peeves?
8. If you were an animal, what would you be and why?



Kevin Smiley
Junior HDB Representative

1. This is my third year.
2. Love of the game.
3. Ravioli Sculpture, Alliteration
4. Most of my time will be spent thinking about how funny it would be if I threw a live turkey at my brother's face from a minimal distance.

5. I would like a MacArthur Fellowship.
6. Cinnamon Swirl Bread. I usually use nine gallons of goat milk for additional flavor.
7. Animals and democracies
8. I would like to be an Honorsaurus because I would be known for my critical thinking skills as well as my ability to annihilate small beasts.



Rebbeka Welch
Freshman HDB Representative

1. This is my first year.
2. I wanted to be involved in the Honors College more and meet some of the faculty/staff.
3. Major in Management, concentration in Human Resources. Minor in Psychology.
4. I plan on going to Cincinnati, Ohio, to visit family.
5. I would wish that I could

- see myself in twenty years to see how everything turns out.
6. I don't really cook, especially at college. I once gave a presentation speech on how to make dirt cake. It's pretty much chocolate pudding with Oreo cookies crunched up and mixed in. Then gummy worms and a layer of Oreo cookies on top.
7. If my clothes are unorganized and pens bleeding through paper or pen smears.
8. Definitely a cat. Cats live the life. They do what they please and no one tells them otherwise.

Students promote homelessness awareness

KATIE KNECHT

Areté staff writer

Cardboard is strewn across DUC's south lawn; students in sock toboggans and scarves crowd around makeshift buildings; a giant screen displays images of the homeless and what people can do to help.

When do all these events come together for one night? Shantytown.

Shantytown is an annual program co-sponsored by Habitat for Humanity and WKU's Residence Hall Association (RHA). The purpose of Shantytown is to raise awareness on homelessness. Each residence hall on campus was given the opportunity to collect various types of cardboard to build a cardboard construction of their choice. RHA judged each structure and gave awards at the end of the night. This year, the event lasted from 7 p.m. to midnight on Nov. 5.

Minton Hall created a three-cart train out of cardboard and called it the "Mintrain." The hall won the "Last Man Standing" award, meaning they had the most people helping at the end of the night. Bates-Runner Hall won the "Odd Ball" award for their creative submarine. McClean Hall had an excellent attempt at making a colorful Rubik's cube.

The three Honors residence halls raised over \$400, which will be donated to the Bowling Green Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Minton Hall was the overall winner for the most money collected, which they accomplished by pitting each floor against each other in a coin war.

Shantytown also included live performances by several students. Court Addison and Micah Bennett, both Honors students, entertained with their guitars and voices throughout the night.

"The amount of participation from all of the residence halls was absolutely wonderful," RHA Vice-President and Honors sophomore Nikki Deese said. "To see so many Honors students out, working on a cardboard house when they could be



PHOTOS BY NIKKI DEESE

Above: Bates-Runner residents (top row l to r) Lesley Greenwell, Jennifer Phillips, Kevin Blanch, (middle row l to r) Morgan Wickline, Allie Kerns, (bottom row l to r) Dre Tidwell, Micah Bennett, and Johnathan Williams pose in front of the Bates-Runner's "Yellow Submarine."

Bottom Left: Honors sophomore Micah Bennett from Brandenburg performs live, singing and playing his guitar. Bennett was one of the musical performers for Shantytown 2008.

Bottom Right: Honors freshman Katie Knecht from Paducah lies taped to "train tracks" in front of Minton Hall's shanty, the "Mintrain."



doing so many other things, really shows how willing Honors students are to put

important issues above themselves and reach out to others in need."

Four Honors students represent



ABOVE, PHOTO SUBMITTED. BELOW, PHOTO BY SAM MICALLEF

Above (l to r): NCHC attendees Sam Micallef, Chelsea Moulden, and Amanda Brown pose in front of the Alamo one afternoon after attending sessions.

Below: Owensboro senior Ashley Belcher (right) smiles next to Adam Herman (left) of Wayne State University at the Saturday luncheon. Belcher was this year's WKU Honors Student of the Year nominee.



AMANDA BROWN

Areté guest writer

Fourteen WKU Honors students, faculty, and staff traveled to the National Collegiate Honors Council's annual conference from Oct. 22-25. The conference, held in San Antonio, Texas, offered opportunities to learn from Honors programs/colleges from across the nation, as well as the chance to teach others about our Honors College programming and events.

Honors students in attendance were seniors Ashley Belcher and Sam Micallef, junior Amanda Brown, and sophomore Chelsea Moulden. Honors faculty included Dr. Chris Brown, Dr. Marla Capper, Dr. Craig T. Cobane, Dr. Molly Dunkum, Dr. Angela Jones, Dr. Michelle Lane, Dr. Clay Motley, and Dr. Michelle Trawick. Staff participants were Shane Bradley, Amy Chester, and Lindsey Thurman-Westerfield.

Belcher was nominated for the prestigious Honors Student of the Year award. Nominated for her dedication to the Honors College, its students, and its mission, she was recognized at a conference-wide luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Some WKU attendees contributed to the overall conference theme of "Crossing Frontiers" by presenting on various topics. Trawick and Cobane collaborated to educate other schools on how to successfully implement a business Honors program. They used WKU's developing Honors and College of Business relationship as a model to discuss the strengths and challenges of completing such a task.

As advisor and co-editor of this very newsletter, winner of last year's NCHC Best Newsletter competition, Jones and Micallef helped judge this year's NCHC Newsletter of the Year competition prior to the conference. They then presented "How to Create an Award-Winning

WKU at NCHC in San Antonio

Newsletter,” with the help of this year’s winners. They led an open discussion with practical advice on ways to improve or create newsletters.

Bradley, as IT consultant for the Honors College, discussed using technology to expand the classroom. He analyzed the benefits of such technologies as Google Analytics and explained the processes involved in implementing them.

Westerfield and Cobane co-presented on recruiting strategies. They spoke about WKU Honors College’s successful strategies and how others might go about applying them to their own programs and colleges.

Chester was part of a symposium dedicated to orientation retreats. She spoke about H4, discussed the planning involved, provided some useful tips from the past two retreats, and reviewed the benefits our Honors College has witnessed.

Although not all participants could contribute as presenters, they were all able to attend helpful sessions so that they could learn about new ideas, programs, and strategies for bringing our Honors College to its full potential. From ways to incorporate Honors in the classroom to improve alumni relations to organize Honors student organizations, there were plenty of sessions to choose from.

Everyone was excited about getting home and beginning execution of all their new ideas!

“I really liked the NCHC conference. I never really realized that Honors Programs across the country were so different from our own. They have a lot of great ideas that I never even thought of! I hope we can implement some of those ideas here at WKU,” Moulden, first-time conference attendee, said.

The NCHC conference wasn’t all work and no play, though. These fourteen people were also able to experience the true San Antonio after sessions were

finished for the day. Of course, visiting the Alamo was a must, even if it was only for a single picture so that they could say they had been there. Then there was the famous Riverwalk. The river running through downtown was below street-level, so the bottoms of buildings were filled with shops and restaurants, easily accessible from the sidewalks along the river. Everyone also enjoyed the Tex-Mex culture, at least until they had had their fill of Mexican food.

Something was a bit different for the WKU crowd this year. Because of recent budget cuts, NCHC costs had to be trimmed. This meant taking only four students instead of the traditional eight. It also meant staying in a hotel separate from the one in which the conference was held.

“This conference was very different. Staying in a different hotel than the actual conference was not as fun. I think we just felt disconnected. Also, having fewer students from WKU was different as well,” Belcher said.

The Honors College is optimistic about next year’s conference, though, scheduled for Washington, D.C., and cannot wait to see what new and exciting things will come as a result of this year’s experience.



PHOTOS BY SAM MICALLES

Above: Honors IT Consultant, Shane Bradley, gives his presentation on Google Analytics.

Below: Honors Admissions Counselor, Lindsey Thurman-Westerfield, answers questions after her presentation on recruiting.



Student's play showcased

SAM MICALLEF

Areté co-editor

On the evenings of Nov. 14 and 15, audiences gathered at the Public Theatre of Kentucky to see four one-act plays written by WKU students.

Louisville senior Bobby Deignan, one of the featured playwrights and Honors student, was extremely excited to see his play *Bald-Faced Lies* performed.

"We all wrote the plays in Dr. Pat Taylor's Drama Writing class last spring," Deignan said, "and she had mentioned possibly having a handful of them performed at the Public Theatre. I secretly had my fingers crossed that mine would be picked."

Students, faculty, families, and friends enjoyed plenty of good laughs and a couple eerie chills as they sat back and watched the string of short plays, which were enacted with minimal sets, costumes, and lighting. Honors sophomore Katrina Bidwell was one of the many actors.

"The important thing was having people there to see our work," said Deignan, "Playwriting should be about connecting to people, whether that is to make them laugh or make them cry."

From the audience's enthusiastic reactions and standing ovation, one may safely assume these shows were a hit.

Honors shine in Hallapalooza

KENDRICK BRYAN

Areté staff writer

On Oct. 18, the Hilltopper football team competed against the Owls of Florida Atlantic University. WKU lost 24-20 to the Sun Belt Conference opponent, but student support at the contest was noted by the Residence Hall Association and WKU Athletics.

Residence halls competed in an annual event titled Hallapalooza. The hall with the best attendance by percentage at the game was deemed the winner. The campus has 15 halls and the Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky.

Minton Hall won the event and a Nintendo Wii, the newest video game console released by the Japanese company, Nintendo. Twenty-three percent of the

hall's residents signed in and attended the game.

McLean Hall and Bates-Runner Hall also placed. Both halls house upperclassmen Honors students. McLean Hall placed second with 19 percent and Bates-Runner Hall placed third with 16 percent.

"I was surprised when I heard that McLean and Bates-Runner placed," said Berea junior Matt Jenkins, "Minton won last year so I figured they would place, but I didn't think Honors would get all three places. It shows how much Honors kids care about school spirit."

All three Honors halls have been renovated since 2001 and strive to provide a premier living-learning experience to ensure student success.

Students for Life take a vow of silence across the world

JOSH GONZALES

Areté staff writer

On Oct. 21 people all over the world wore red tape with the word "life" written on it and took a vow of silence for the day in recognition of the millions of babies who have not had their voices heard. Members of the newly formed Students for Life chapter at WKU participated in this as their first official act on campus. Students for Life is a national organization that establishes pro-life organizations on campuses around America. Ryan Ellis, an Honors College student, is one of the founding members, and the newly elected president of the organization. Ellis, along with the other members, hopes to support those considering abortion, to educate others on life issues, and to promote respect for life on WKU's campus.



JOSH GONZALES

Louisville freshman Ryan Ellis wears red duct tape on his mouth to prevent himself from speaking.

Meet Jennifer Dooper: Honors Homecoming Queen Candidate

JOSH GONZALES

Areté staff writer



JOSH GONZALES

Junior Jennifer Dooper was this year's Honors Club and HonorsToppers Homecoming Queen Candidate.

Nickname: Dooper

Class Year: Junior

Hometown: Owensboro, Ky.

Major: Double major in English Writing and Spanish

What made you run for Homecoming Queen? "I kind of got peer pressured into it I guess...my friend ran last year and she said I should do it. I don't really know what a Homecoming Queen does besides participate in Homecoming Queen activities."

If you could go anywhere in the world where would it be? Siberia. "Not for more than 12 hours, but just to say I've been there...I have a feeling all I would see is snow. I would want to go touch some permafrost."

What food are you looking most forward to eating on Thanksgiving? "My mom's stove-top stuffing. Sweet potatoes

with a ton of brown sugar and margarine on them. And yams, if you will."

Life Aspirations: "No idea, but I know what I enjoy doing...I like writing, speaking Spanish, and getting to know people. I'll probably end up teaching; maybe get a Ph.D. or something if I'm lucky. I know that after college I want to live and work abroad, or volunteer. That's really all I've thought about so far."

Favorite Song: "Arabesque" by Debussy and "Total Eclipse of the Heart" by Bonnie Tyler.

Favorite Movie: "I don't have just one favorite, but *Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist* was really good. Oh and I like *Shining Through*."

Favorite Class: American Literature I with Dr. Sandy Hughes. "So much fun, so much fun. It's so cool, she just makes it relevant."

Honors College becomes home for Office Assistant

KATIE KNECHT

Areté staff writer

Stephanie Hammons never imagined herself to be where she is today. That is, holding the position of Office Assistant at WKU's Honors College. "The idea of working with students never occurred to me before," Hammons said.

Before coming to WKU, Hammons worked at an auto auction. She took accounting classes in school but never found a job that inspired her. After several people told her WKU was a great place to work, she decided to try it out.

"I was really surprised," she said, "I enjoy working with the students. Everyone is very nice and polite."

Hammons makes arrangements for others who work for the Honors College, setting up appointments, and creating schedules. "I just do whatever they need," she said modestly. Her job responsibilities also include greeting guests of the Honors College; assisting students, their

family, and faculty on the phone; and assisting with preparation of financial documents. You can often find her behind the front desk with a smile on her face, ready to help out.

The staff has been no disappointment either. "I'm working with friendly, genuinely nice people. I couldn't ask for a better group to work with," Hammons said.

She said that her favorite thing about WKU is the sense of community she receives from being here. Being a part of something that the public cannot, she said, creates a closer bond with people.

Hammons has considered finishing her degree while working at WKU. She does not plan on giving up any time soon. "As far as I can see, I want to stay here."

Hammons' story is quite

unusual; it is not every day that you fall into a job that you really love. "I just wanted to broaden my horizons," Hammons said. And she found a place to be that she can call home.



JOSH GONZALES

New Honors Office Assistant, Stephanie Hammons, works hard planning the busy schedules for Honors College staff.

Sudoku

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	8		7					9
7			1					
6	4	7	5			8		
		8				9		
		2			8	3	4	5
					4			2
9					5		1	
				2		6	8	

Calendar of Events

December 1: Honors Club meeting in DUC 308 at 8p.m.

8-12: Fall finals week

13: December Commencement

15: Winter Break begins

31: New Year's Eve

January 1: New Year's Day

5: Winter term begins

19: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no classes)

23: Winter term finals

23-24: Honors ski trip to Perfect North

26: Spring semester begins

31: Abstracts for WKU Student Research Conference due



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